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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING, OECD MINISTERIAL
MEETING

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1. DUE TO EC SUMMIT MEETING IN DUBLIN MARCH 10/11 WE WERE UNABLE
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TO CALL ON EAMONN GALLAGHER, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF IRISH DEPARTMENT

OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, UNTIL MORNING OF MARCH 12 TO DISCUSS REFTTEL.
HOWEVER, WE HAD BEEN ABLE PASS ORAL MESSAGE TO GOI DURING DUBLIN
SUMMIT MARCH 11.

2. GALLAGHER TOLD US THAT HE HAD ON MARCH 11 AGAIN DISCUSSED
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD QUESTION OF IEA MEETING AT MIN-
ISTERIAL LEVEL. FITZGERALD HAD DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED MEETING
WITH HIS EC FOREIGN MINISTER COLLEAGUES DURING THE DUBLIN SUMMIT
MEETING AND THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION REPRESENTS OPINION OF THE
AFFECTED FOREIGN MINISTERS. THEIR CONSENSUS WAS THAT IT WOULD BE
PREFERABLE TO HOLD THE DUBLIN MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS ON MAY 26. THE IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING COULD THEN TAKE
PLACE ON MAY 27 (INSTEAD OF MAY 26) AND COULD BE FOLLOWED IMMED-
IATELY BY THE OECD MINISTERIAL ON MAY 28 AND 29 (RATHER THAN MAY
27-28). GALLAGHER NOTED THAT NATO COUNCIL MEETS ON MAY 29, BUT HE
SUGGESTED THAT THIS WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH OECD MINISTERIAL INAS-
MUCH AS MOST OF IMPORTANT BUSINESS WOULD TAKE PLACE ON FIRST DAY,
I.E. MAY 28 AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE MINISTERIAL ATTENDANCE ON THE
SECOND DAY.

3. GALLAGHER SAID THAT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS BELIEVED THIS WOULD
BE THE BEST WAY OF MEETING ALL DEMANDS. EC MINISTERS COULD START
IN DUBLIN ON MAY 26 AND THEN FLY ON TO PARIS THAT SAME EVENING
TO MAKE IEA AND OECD MEETINGS. ANY OTHER SOLUTION WOULD REQUIRE
MINISTERS MEET IN PARIS ON EDAY, TRAVEL TO DUBLIN THE NEXT, AND
RETURN TO PARIS THE THIRD DAY.

4. GALLAGHER NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE AN OECD MEETING ON MARCH
13. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF USG WERE AGREEABLE TO REVISED SCHEDULE
OUTLINED ABOVE, FORMAL PROPOSAL COULD BE PUT TO OECD AND DECISION
COULD BE TAKEN ON NEW DATES (MAY 28-29) FOR OECD MINISTERIAL. WE
UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY IRISH SUGGESTION TO DEPARTMENT AND TO REPORT
BACK AS SOO AS POSSIBLE. ON THE IEA MEETING, THE BOARD OF GOVER-
NORS MEET NEXT WEEK AND WILL CONSIDER DATES FOR A MEETING. THIS
SUBJECT COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED DURING DUBLIN SUMMIT BECAUSE OF
PRESENCE OF NON-IEA MEMBER FRANCE.

5. GALLAGHER ADDED THAT, APART FROM THE QUESTION OF THE DATE FOR
THE IEA MINISTERIAL, THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT THE EC MEMBERS
WILL PARTICIPATE. AS FOR THE IRISH, HE EXPECTS THAT EITHER FITZ-
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GERALD OR INDUSTRY MINISTER KEATING WOULD ATTEND.
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